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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a local provider because their customer service was better, and they provide much-needed competition. Thanks to them, I now have fast fiber at a good price, coupled with cheap landline rates for international calls. The money I pay to them stays in my community. Small businesses like them are the backbone of the American economy, and I am proud to support them.

I think we should help them provide the competition so that the internet stays affordable for everyone. Broadband needs to stay available for everyone. If small companies lose the ability to provide DSL to their customers, everyone will lose. There will be less competition and less innovation. Without the DSL revenue, small companies will not be able to invest, leading to higher prices and fewer good paying jobs for the installers.

Lack of competition and the stifling of innovation is un-American.

I urge you to protect the provisions of the 1996 Telecommunication Act and continue to allow access to critical unbundled network elements for small companies.

Respectfully,

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